

Oroville Facilities Relicensing FERC Project No. 2100

Scoping Process
Development of SD2

Oroville, California
September 24, 2002



Goals for SD2

- **Present key elements of the environmental review process to stakeholders**
- **Gather stakeholder concerns on the formulation of alternatives**
- **Provide mechanism for management level involvement for key agencies and stakeholders**
- **Allow for strategic decision-making by licensee**
- **Support an informed settlement process**
- **Guide preparation of the EIR/EIS**

Development Schedule for SD2

Sept '02

- **Review Outline of SD2**

Oct/Nov '02

- **Discuss Project Description**
- **Discuss Purpose and Need**
- **Discuss Alternatives**

Dec '02

- **Draft SD2**

Feb '03

- **Final SD2**

April '03

- **SD2 Comment Period Closes**

May '03

- **DWR/Consultants review comments and reflect in Environmental Document, as appropriate**

Outline For SD2

- Introduction
- Purpose and Need Statement
- Regulatory and Operational Parameters
- Project Description
- Alternatives to the Proposed Action
- Summary of Project Impacts
- Attachments

Project Description

- Proposed Action
- Description of the Oroville Facilities and Maintenance Practices
 - Generating Facilities
 - Flood Control Facilities
 - Recreational Facilities
 - Oroville Wildlife Area
- Current Operations
 - Flood Control
 - Power Production
 - Water Supply
 - Recreation Facilities
 - Wildlife Habitat

Environmental Document Schedule

- Scoping Document 1 – Sept 2002
- Plenary Group Discussions on environmental baseline, project description, alternatives -- Oct/Nov 2002
- Work Group discussions on thresholds of significance – Oct/Nov 2002
- Scoping Document 2 – Feb 2002
 - 60 – Day Comment Period
 - DWR/Consultants review comments
- Draft APEA – April/May 2004
 - Comment period – June/July 2004
- APEA – January 2005

Significance Criteria

- Significance criteria provide the “logical step” between the ultimate findings and facts in the record -- *(Public Resources Code 21081)*.
- Rational basis for significance determinations... complies with CEQA Guidelines requirement that Lead Agency’s determination of significance be based to the extent possible on scientific and factual data -- *(Section 15064)*
- “A quantitative or qualitative standard or set of criteria... provides a clear differentiation of whether or not the project may result in a significant environmental effect.” -- *Thresholds of Significance: Criteria for Defining Environmental Significance (OPR 1994)*